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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO MAY 13 LETTER AND FOURTH OF JULY
MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT FROM CAPE VERDE PRESIDENT PEREIRA

REF: DAKAR 3287

1. FYI. FOLLOWING CABLE RECEIVED AT WHITE HOUSE FROM
CAPE VERDE PRESIDENT. BEGIN TEXT. MOMENT MANKIND
CELEBRATES BICENTENNIAL INDEPENDENCE GREAT AMERICAN NATION
IT IS PLEASURE TO PRESENT ON BEHALF CAPE VERDEAN PEOPLE
MYSELF WARM CONGRATULATION FRIENDLY AMERICAN PEOPLE AND
YOUR EXCELLENCY FOR UNIVERSAL EVENT WHOSE IDEALS FREEDOM
DEMOCRACY INSPIRED OUR NATIONAL LIBERATION STRUGGLE WHICH
LED TO OUR COUNTRY INDEPENDENCE. CONSIDERING SPECIAL
LINKS FRIENDSHIP OVER A CENTURY DEVELOPED BETWEEN OUR
PEOPLES WE FEEL AND PARTICIPATE GREAT JOY AND PRIDE BRAVE
AMERICAN PEOPLE ON OCCASION SOLEMN BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
IN WHICH CAPE VERDEAN PEOPLE IS DULY REPRESENTED ACTIVE
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COMMUNITIES ROOTED UNITED STATES. RESTATING FIRM DECISION

OUR PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT TO NARROW AND STRENGTHEN
TRADITIONAL TIES FRIENDSHIP COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR
COUNTRIES FOR SAKE OF PEACE AND DEMOCRACY PLEASE ACCEPT
EXCELLENCY EXPRESSION MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. ARISTIDES
PEREIRA. PRESIDENT REPUBLIC OF CAPE VERDE. END TEXT AND FYI.

2. FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO MAY 13
LETTER (REFTEL) AND FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE DELIVERED
JULY 18 TO CAPE VERDE AMBASSADOR VARELA FOR TRANSMISSION
TO PRESIDENT PEREIRA. BEGIN TEXT. THE WHITE HOUSE.
WASHINGTON. JULY 8, 1976. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: THANK
YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF MAY 13. I AM PLEASED THAT THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE
HUMANITARIAN AID AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO CAPE VERDE
WHICH HAS BEEN USED BY YOUR NATION IN ALLEVIATING DROUGHT
CONDITIONS AND IN ASSISTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

I CERTAINLY SHARE YOUR DESIRE TO STRENGTHEN THE TIES OF
FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF CAPE
VERDE AND THE UNITED STATES.

I AM DELIGHTED TO LEARN OF CAPE VERDEAN PARTICIPATION
IN ACTIVITIES RELATED TO OUR BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION AND
DEEPLY APPRECIATE THE DESIRE OF YOUR GOVERNMENT TO SEND
AN OFFICIAL DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON TO TAKE PART IN
CELEBRATIONS HERE. TO AFFORD FOREIGN NATIONS AN
OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE IN OUR COMMEMORATIVE ACTIVITIES I
PLAN TO RECEIVE THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS HERE AT THE WHITE
HOUSE ON JULY 20 AND I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT YOUR AMBASSADOR
WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND.

MRS. FORD JOINS ME IN EXPRESSING THE APPRECIATION OF THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR YOUR PERSONAL MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES
COMMEMORATING OUR COUNTRY'S TWO HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY.

AS YOUR NATION BEGINS ITS SECOND YEAR OF INDEPENDENCE,
PLEASE BE ASSURED OF MY SINCERE DESIRE TO ENHANCE FURTHER
THE ALREADY CORDIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.
SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD.

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HIS EXCELLENCY
ARISTIDES PEREIRA
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CAPE VERDE
PRAIA END TEXT.

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